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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Space

25X1A 1. The Central Intelligence Agency presently has 16,000 square  
feet of space in the [redacted]. This space is  
used for the Map Branch which is a central service for all agencies  
of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, and it also has two rooms which  
25X1C [redacted]. This space was set up and  
designed for cartographic work, including drafting, lithographing,  
etc., and the Central Intelligence Agency entered it in January 1949  
25X1C at considerable expense for the equipment for the Map Branch and for  
the equipment for the [redacted].

25X1A 2. Mr. Blaisdell of the Office of the Secretary of Defense has  
recently written a memorandum to the Public Buildings Administration  
requesting that the Central Intelligence Agency be directed to move  
from the space in [redacted] into Temporary Building  
#11, Potomac Annex. We have looked over Temporary Building #11, and  
it is completely unsuitable for map work unless alterations to the  
extent of about thirty thousand dollars are made which would require  
about one hundred and twenty days to complete. Even then, we should  
still have to get and install the equipment for [redacted] 25X1C  
rooms.

3. It is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency be  
allowed to retain their present space in the [redacted] 25X1A

Signed

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